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SUBJ: KIM IL SUNG'S VISIT

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1. KIM IL SUNG'S ALGIERS VISIT PROCEEDING IN FINE FORM, WITH CONTINUOUS SEEMINGLY TUMULTUOUS WELCOME EVERYWHERE, VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES, FACTORIES, AND SOCIALIST FARMS, BESTOWAL OF DEGREE OF DOCTEUR HONORIS CAUSUS FROM UNIVERSITY OF ALGIERS AND OF HONORARY ALGIERS CITIZENSHIP, FLN-PTC CONTACTS, AND OTHER STANDARD ROUTINES.

2. MAIN PUBLIC THEMES ARE CALL FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA AND WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS, DENUNCIATION SECRETARY SCHLESINGER STATEMENTS AND NORTH KOREAN SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN AND ARAB CAUSE IN MIDDLE EAST. FLOOD OF ORATORY AND PRESS COVERAGE DROWING US, BUT PRIVATE TALKS GOING ON AND THAT IS WHERE GUT ISSUES WILL BE DEALT WITH.

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THERE APPEARS LITTLE DIVERGENCE ON GOALS, BUT WE NOTE, WITH CAUTION, THAT WE ARE NOT PRIVY TO CONTENT THESE PRIVATE

TALKS. WE NOTE THAT GOA FORMIN BOUTEFLIKA JETTED OFF TO JIDDA ON VERY DAY KIM ARRIVED AND HAS NOT REAPPEARED FOR ANY OF SUBSTANTIVE TALKS.

3. MOST RECURRENT THEME, AND ONE SPECIFICALLY DRAWN TO OUR ATTENTION BY SOVIET EMBOFF, IS CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS AND BOUMEDIENE STATEMENT THAT "UN HAS DUTY TO TAKE STEPS TO END WHAT IS IN FACT FOREIGN OCCUPATION UNDER THE COVER OF ITS EMBLEM." KIM HAS SUBSEQUENTLY CITED THIS CALL IN HIS OWN REMARKS. KIM'S OWN COMMENTS SPECIFICALLY ALIGN NORTH KOREAN PEOPLE AND POLICY WITH THIRD WORLD/ NONALIGNED FRAMEWORK.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH MOHAMED ABERKANE, DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, ALGERIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LATTER SAID THAT GOA FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA HAD PERSONALLY RAISED NORTH KOREAN ISSUES WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING ONE OF SECRETARY'S VISITS HERE. ABERKANE RECALLED THAT SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO BOUTEFLIKA HAD BEEN THAT HE WAS SO INVOLVED IN INDOCHINA MATTERS THAT HE HAD NOT REALLY EVER HAD TIME TO GIVE MUCH THOUGHT TO KOREAN CESUES. ABERKANE SAID THAT NOW DUST SETTLING IN INDOCHINA, HE HOPED US COULD NOW FOCUS ON THEM. HE LEFT IMPRESSION GOA WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP US WITH OUR REASSESSMENT.

5. ABERKANE STRESSED THAT NORTH KOREANS NEVER CEASED TELLING ALGERIANS, BOTH IN PYONGYANG AND HERE, THAT THEY FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION AND THAT THEY PREPARED TO MOVE SLOWLY IN ANY WAY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH. ABERKANE THEN ADDED THAT KIM WAS "REALLY FINE FELLOW" WHO DID NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY THE "DEMIGOD" STATUS HE WAS ATTAINING IN NORTH KOREA. KIM HAD JOKINGLY EXPLAINED, ACCORDING TO ABERKANE, THAT "WITH A GOD NEXT DOOR, COULD I DO LESS?"

6. COMMENT: ABERKANE USUALLY QUITE SANE; HIS REMARKS INDICATE EXTENT TO WHICH NORTH KOREAN REVOLUTION HAS ITS ADMIRERS THROUGHOUT ALL RANKS OF ALGERIAN LIFE AND HELP
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EXPLAIN INCREDIBLE EFFORT ALGERIANS PUTTING FORTH TO ENSURE KIM GETS PROPER WELCOME.LYNE

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